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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Many thanks for your letter of March 3rd. I am certainly impressed by the number of interesting ideas and valuable suggestions generated by your group. I am sure that your efforts will greatly help planetary biology to steer the correct course.

I have shown your manuscripts to Luria and Gold, and we are planning to discuss them further. It would be most desirable if a few of us could get together for a day or so shortly after your proposed meeting of March 21st. One of the things we ought to discuss is the preparation of a general summary of the WESTEX-EASTEX meeting to be widely distributed among biologists in this country and abroad. Are you going to be in the east at any time during the spring? If you are and could take a side trip to Cambridge, I would like to plan an informal meeting and I would try to have here also Philip Morrison who is very much interested in the biological aspects of space research.

Thank you again, and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bruno Rossi

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Thank you very much. I have no fixed plans for a trip or stopover see
but am certain the opportunity will arise. Meanwhile I am pressing to do
whatever I can on this coast. I am thinking of asking NASA for somewhat more
comprehensive and long range support both for ⁽¹⁾ consultation planning and for ⁽²⁾
preliminary design of ultimate instrumentation. Or do you think NASA could furnish a